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Tributes paid to 'devoted teacher' killed in crash

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COLLEAGUES at a Cambridge sixth-form centre have paid tribute to a "devoted" and "committed" teacher killed when his motorcycle was in collision with a 4x4.

Lee Westrope, 42, died in the accident on Sunday, on the A1017 Haverhill bypass.

Mr Westrope, of Beaumont Vale, Haverhill, worked at Cambridge Centre for Sixth-Form Studies, where he had been teaching business since 2007.

Stuart Nicholson, principal of CCSS, remembered an "utterly committed" teacher who the whole school would "miss enormously".

Mr Nicholson said: "Lee had a true devotion to teaching. He often talked about his own academic journey, reckoning he hadn't been a model pupil himself, but in adulthood he'd discovered the excitement of intellectual learning.

"From undergraduate study, to Masters degree and on towards his PhD in environmental economics, he coupled teaching with his own learning, and was utterly committed to his students.

"We will miss him enormously and our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends."

Hailing him as a person who would "go out of his way to help people" Mr Nicholson added: "You couldn't find a more determined, enthusiastic and committed teacher anywhere.

Tragic death of Haverhill man, 42, after his motorbike was in collision with a car on the A1017

"He was a delightful man." Students and friends have paid their own respects to Mr Westrope on social media.

Writing on Twitter, Shamil Ganze said: "Such sad news, RIP to my business teacher Lee Westrope."

Tom Craig tweeted: "RIP Lee, you were the best teacher I've ever had and a great friend to us all. You will truly be missed."

Arina K said: "Rest in peace Lee, you will be missed."

Mr Westrope's motorcycle was in a collision with a 4x4 towing a horsebox, which had two horses inside, on the A1017 just before 1.40pm on Sunday.

Both horses and the passengers in the 4x4 escaped without injury.

Witnesses to the collision should contact the Suffolk Police serious collision investigation team on 101.



All switched on for Christmas

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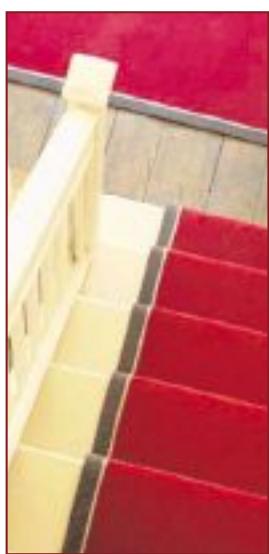
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS: Enjoying the Christmas lights switch-on in the town centre on December 6.
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Let there be (Christmas) lights!



SPARKLE: Pictures by Josh Harris (facebook.com/jharrisphotographyuk)

tree lights and some extra special decorations on the Market Square.

Children from Haverhill's primary schools were tasked with crafting their own seasonal designs – with the best ones chosen to be made into lights.

Haverhill Town Council recruited the pupils for the design process through a Creative Kids scheme – one student from each primary school in Haverhill has had

their Christmassy drawing turned into a decoration.

Will Austin, town clerk, said: "There has been an excellent reaction to our new lights scheme which is certainly eye catching and unique."

"The designs from the Haverhill primary school children were cheered loudly as they were turned on and I think the town can be proud of their lights this year."

Anger as MP steps in over council tax

DEBRA FOX

COUNCILLORS are angry with West Suffolk MP Matthew Hancock for criticising a possible council tax rise.

Haverhill Town Council is considering the possibility of raising the council tax by just under 4 per cent to combat a loss of £129,000 in funding from St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Nothing will be officially decided until the New Year when the budget is set, but Mr Hancock and local conservative councillors have already voiced plans to fight the increase "tooth and nail".

The MP said: "Labour's plan to hit people in Haverhill with a hike in council tax is completely unacceptable which is why local Conservatives will fight it at every step."

"The entire public sector has to live

within its means when we are dealing with a deficit left to us by a Labour government. Haverhill Town Council cannot think it is exempt from this."

Town councillor Betty McLatchy said that councillors have a "responsibility to protect taxpayers from increased bills" and that the town's Conservatives are against the increase.

Councillors representing Haverhill for other parties have called the MP's intervention "unwarranted" and "entirely inappropriate".

Cllr Roger André, town mayor, said: "The setting of the local precept is not a matter for an MP to influence and it is impossible to determine how an MP would have the necessary detail of local financing to offer any advice in this area."

The mayor, a Labour council-



**CRITICISED: MP
Matthew Hancock**

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Leisure centre launches giving tree

SICK children are getting a festive surprise from a giving tree.

Staff at Haverhill Leisure Centre have launched a Giving Tree Appeal as a way of spreading Christmas cheer to little ones facing a difficult December.

A tree has been put up at the centre and visitors are invited to take a tag, indicating the age range and sex of the child they should buy a gift for.

James Purkiss, manager, said: "We hope people will support our staff by adding one extra gift to their shopping list to help a local child who is going through a tough time this Christmas."

Wrapped presents should be returned by December 16, ready to be sent in Santa's sleigh to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Haverhill Leisure Centre Staff with the tree.



We were burgled: please switch our street lights on

A RESIDENT is campaigning for a streetlight to be switched back on after her house was burgled.

Jacqueline Stewart, who lives near Chalkstone Way, Haverhill, is leading the effort for a lamp to be switched back on in her street.

Mrs Stewart and husband Stefan were burgled in September last year.

Thieves stole car keys, the vehicle and other valuables between 3am and 5am, while the couple slept upstairs.

Mrs Stewart has started filling in a newly-created application form, devised by county councillor Julian Flood, calling for a light to be switched on.

Mrs Stewart said: "The worst thing was that we were in the house – it's taken away a lot of our confidence and security.

"It would make so much difference to even have one light switched on."

Speaking at Haverhill's Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting, Inspector Peter Ferrie said that the number of burglaries taking place in the

DEBRA FOX

town does not relate to the lights being switched off.

A spate of offences which took place over the summer were mostly due to people being lax with home security, he said.

Suffolk County Council confirmed that a streetlight request is assessed by council officers and a consultation between the relevant county councillor and local police team takes place.

A streetlight can be switched back on if certain criteria is met, such as reducing a risk of crime, to light remote alleyways and if it is near a pedestrian crossing, footbridge or subway.

Other criteria includes switching on at public car parks, bus stops, and where there is sheltered housing for the elderly.

Mrs Stewart said that her street is pitch black when the lights get switched off after midnight, and that they have installed a night light in the passage to provide some light.

The couple say they cannot

even see the homes opposite from their window.

"We have been used to having the lights on for so many years, and all of sudden we haven't got it," Mrs Stewart said. "I wouldn't ask for them all to be put on, I just think one would make a difference."

West Suffolk MP Matthew Hancock, who is backing Mrs Stewart's application, said: "I was very concerned to hear that Jacqueline was burgled.

"Being burgled is a horrible experience and I understand why having the streetlight outside her house switched back on would be reassuring.

"Suffolk County Council have always been responsive in the past where street lights need to be turned on and I hope the council will look carefully at this application too."

To download the form which provides guidance for a streetlight request visit www.haverhill-tc.gov.uk.

Tell us what you think:
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Park site mentioned in Autumn Statement

A NEW research park site in Haverhill was mentioned in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

The Haverhill Research Park provides the location for new office and business space and will offer a day nursery, a gastro pub and 150 new homes on site.

It was hailed as a good example of work made possible by the Government's Growing Places Fund, which provides capital funding. Greater Cambridgeshire & Greater Peterborough LEPs were each awarded £2 million from the fund to provide infrastructure to the site.

Nic Rumsey, director of Carisbrooke Developments, said: "The £4 million loan we

were awarded from the Government's Growing Places Fund via the New Anglia and the Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough LEPs were just the fillip that the Haverhill Research Park needed to get the scheme going and we have now completed the infrastructure for the site with utilities, estate roads and landscaping all in place.

"In 2014 we will be starting the marketing of the park in earnest and are looking forward to speaking to potential occupiers."

"We were delighted to be able to pay them back so quickly once we completed the sale of the residential land to Taylor Wimpey."

Visit haverhillresearchpark.com for more information.

Guns and knife are stolen in burglary

REPLICA handguns, rifles and a hunting knife have been taken in a burglary.

The imitation fire arms and air weapons, which total more than £4,500 in value, were stolen from a home in Elm Close, Haverhill.

There were 19 replica handguns, three air rifles, AK-47 and Uzi replicas, telescopic sights and a hunting knife taken during the break-in.

The burglary happened between 9.30am and 10pm on December 5.

Anyone who witnessed suspicious activity in the area, has any information relating to this incident or has been offered to buy any of these items should contact the Bury St Edmunds Priority Crime Team on 101.

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Celebrate with choral society

WELCOME in Christmas with an evening of enchanting music, provided by Haverhill Choral Society. Members are fine tuning their repertoire for the group's final concert of the year, which is taking place at Hondon Parish Church on Saturday from 7.30pm. The audience will be treated to a variety of pieces, from seasonal Bach to a composition featuring William Blake's words, as well as a performance from Samuel Ward Academy's Chamber Choir.

After a busy programme, including performances at the Royal Albert Hall and, more recently, Ickworth House, Haverhill Choral Society is already looking towards next year, with rehearsals starting in January for the Easter concert.

Before then, they are also performing alongside the town's silver band and operatic society at the annual Carols for All concert, taking place on December 22 at the Old Independent Church.

In memory of late councillor and music lover Les Ager, who died in October this year, the performance will be a repeat of the 2010 concert – the last that Les conducted.

Tickets for Carols for All cost £6.50 and can be bought on the door or from Haverhill Arts Centre. Call 01440 714140.

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Primary school selects its first head boy and girl

TWO pupils have been appointed to represent their school.

Place Farm Primary Academy has chosen the first head boy and girl from a group of Year 6 students.

Aimee Booth and Lawrence Fitch were voted in by their peers in Years 3 to 6, and will represent the school at a range of events before they head off to secondary school in September 2014.

The pupils have already been working

CHOSENI Deputy Head of School, Suzanne Harrison, Head of School, Jane Sendall, and Assistant Head of School, Emma Soar, with Head Girl Aimee Booth and Head Boy Lawrence Fitch.

alongside representatives from Castle Manor Academy on a presentation to headteachers across Suffolk.

Aimee said: "I'm proud to be the first head girl and will take care to be the best representative for the Academy I can be."

"I've been really pleased to be involved with the Partnership and take part in all the opportunities."

Emma Soar, assistant head of school, will help to develop the head boy and girl roles in the future.

She said: "We hope to encourage our head boy and head girl to take a very active role in the life of our Academy and will listen to their ideas and suggestions for future development."

Policing priorities chosen

CONCERNs about town traffic have dominated policing priorities again.

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At the latest meeting of Haverhill's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) on Tuesday, the public voted in speeding, parking and cyclist safety as their choices for officers to focus on over the next quarter.

Nine possibilities were chosen by those attending the meeting and, for the first time, more than a dozen viewers watching a live stream online – but Inspector Peter Ferrie, policing commander for Haverhill, said he was disappointed with some of the top choices. Speaking at the meeting,

he said: "I was hoping to have some achievable things that are going to make a difference to Haverhill."

"We are looking at very wide things here – things are not specific or achievable."

"I am looking for things that the team can work on and we can say we've done it, we've smashed it and let's move on."

The top priority, as chosen by voters, is illegal parking by residents and traders in Haverhill High Street. This

got 26 votes. Speeding in Duddery Hill, Bergamot Road, Chivers Road and the bypass received 22 votes and clamping down on cyclists not using lights got 18 votes.

Inspector Ferrie said that he thought working on speeding would be a "good thing", but said issuing fixed penalty notices would not make a difference to parking offenders in the town.

He said: "We could issue 601 or 1001 tickets and it isn't going to make the slightest bit of difference."

"We hope that the experimental traffic order in Camps Road is going

to reduce the amount of traffic that comes into the High Street."

Newly appointed SNT sergeant Gary Miller also updated the public on how the previous quarter's priorities of anti-social behaviour, speeding on the High Street and parking on the pavement had been tackled.

The next SNT meeting is on March 10 at the Arts Centre.

 Did you go to the meeting? What do you think the policing priorities should be? debra.fox@cambridge-news.co.uk haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

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HISTORIC: The cottages at 85 and 87 High Street

Plans deferred for cottages

THE decision on plans to build flats in place of historic cottages has been deferred.

The clay lump cottages, on Haverhill High Street, are up for auction on December 17 in the hope that someone will step in and renovate them.

Dating back to the 1820s, the houses faced destruction if an application from Havebury Housing for their demolition had been passed by St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Development Control Committee in November.

Since it was refused, Havebury Housing has had talks with residents on the future of the cottages which are well loved across town.

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The housing provider decided to enter them into a public auction, taking place in Ipswich on December 17 through Auction House East Anglia in Ipswich.

Despite this, a second application to build six flats on the cottage sites, including demolition, went before the committee on December 5.

They ruled to make their decision following the auction and a visit to the cottages site.

Tony Brown, county councillor for Haverhill East and Kedington, has been fighting to save Haverhill's oldest high street buildings.

He said: "If the cottages are sold at auction there will be no need for a site visit, but if they are not sold the committee will visit the site before going back to Bury St Edmunds to make a decision."

Paul Edwards, Director of Resources at Havebury Housing, previously said their plans will be amended if the cottages are sold.

It is thought that four flats will be built on the remainder of the site instead of the proposed six.

If a buyer is not found, the cottages may still face demolition to make way for much needed affordable housing in Haverhill.

Another service for bus users

COMMUNITIES without commercial bus services can take advantage of an alternative transport system.

Suffolk Links bus services, which serves Haverhill and Forest Heath, are available to those who find it difficult to access other forms of transport.

Funded by Suffolk County Council, the service provides connections to bus and train links in rural areas.

All vehicles are wheelchair accessible, passengers can be picked up at a convenient

location to them and taken to their chosen destination, on a pre-booked basis.

Suffolk Links is managed by Three Counties Transport in Haverhill and the Voluntary Network in Forest Heath.

Caroline Robinson, Voluntary Network Manager, said: "Across the area from Haverhill to Newmarket and over the county borders into Essex, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk many rural parishes are seeing a complete cut, or a major reduction, in commercial bus services.

"The situation has left many people feeling lonely and isolated. The Links service allows people to link up with other bus and train services, as well as providing a way of getting to amenities such as shopping facilities, hospitals and leisure centres."

The Suffolk Links services in Haverhill and Forest Heath areas run from 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Bookings can be made between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Contact 01638 664304.

Appeal over missing Ernie

A GINGER cat has been missing from his home for almost a week.

Ernie has not been seen since December 7, and owner Sheena Hester, of Falklands Road, has been urging neighbours to

check their sheds and garages in case he's locked in.

The cat has a blue collar with an ID tag and is neutered and micro chipped.

If you've seen Ernie please contact Sheena on 07765648542.



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Such laziness!

I WRITE, having read the article in last week's *Weekly News* about inconsiderate and illegal parking outside schools.

It shows a total disregard to children's safety and needs to be stopped.

I agree it is due to lazy people not wanting to walk the extra two minutes it would take if they were to park at the top of School Lane where there is ample safe parking.

I live in Old Rope Walk opposite School Lane where, twice a day for half an hour, it is impossible to park as it is full of parents' cars.

I have had them on several occasions park across my drive; heaven knows what would happen if emergency services were required.

They need to be made aware that there is ample safe parking away from the school safety zones and residential areas. The extra couple of minutes' walk is also a healthy option.

It reminds me of supermarket parking syndrome where some people will spend five minutes or so driving round in circles to get a parking space close to the front of the store when there are plenty of spaces further away.

They don't seem to realise that if they had chosen a space which involved another minute or so walking they would have been in the store shopping rather than going round in circles, ultimately saving time.

Darren Green
Haverhill

It's bad here too

IN response to your article in the newspaper on the front page, I would like to say that it's not just at primary schools where parents park dangerously. Everyday I see parents parking on the zig zags, double yellow lines, and on junction corners near Samuel Ward upper school. It is ridiculous and I would hate to see someone knocked over due to the lack of consideration that these parents have when waiting for their children.

I have taken photos of these parents parking like this. PCSO Kayla Packman does a brilliant job at Burton End School.

Store does its bit for big collect



FUNDRAISERS: Mayor Roger Andre with volunteers at the Haverhill Tesco collection.

GENEROUS supermarket customers have donated more than two tonnes of food in a big collection.

Shoppers at Haverhill Tesco were encouraged to choose an item from a specially selected shopping list, including long life milk, tea or coffee, and canned foods to make a contribution to the town's foodbank.

The collection, held from November 29 until December 1, raised 2.4 tonnes of food, which Tesco topped up by a further 30 per cent.

The grand total will help keep Haverhill's foodbank stocked up for around three months.

It's a shame that there aren't enough police to cover all the schools at finishing time.

Ellie Abbott
Bartlow Place
Haverhill

A complete sham

SOME time ago in your paper there was an item given on 'cold calling', and a number given to go onto the preference service which I duly noted and eventually got in touch.

On October 14th I was contacted and agreed my privacy and control by them, to regain control over who calls my home.

I had to pay £79.99 which covers for three years and after that it is free.

They sent me a call blocker to block unwanted calls which was not suitable for my phone.

I have phoned them 10 times and sent a letter of complaint, asking for the correct cable to be sent which they said would be the next working day.

To date I have not received them and I am still receiving cold calls (nuisance calls) and international calls so the preference service for me no longer exists.

It's a complete sham!
I will be writing to them next to

ask that my money is refunded, and forget all about the preference service. I won't hold my breath. I thought your readers should know all this.

When I phone they apologise and say the cable will be sent out by special delivery.

I am still waiting.

E. W. Franklin
Haverhill

It's a great event
IN reply to Ms Moran's letter regarding the fireworks display on the recreation ground. I have to strongly disagree. Myself and my family have made this event a yearly tradition and we really enjoy this free event put on by our council. I live very close to the recreation ground so my family comes to me and I cook hotdogs, onions and mulled wine, and then we all wrap up warm and make our way over to the grounds along with hundreds and hundreds of other people.

It is a well organised and enjoyable display enjoyed by many people of the town.

It would be a great loss to the families of this town if this event was to be taken away.

Whilst I agree that money can always be better spent elsewhere if

we started cutting out these fun and well attended events where would it end? I think this town has lots of room for improvements, but myself and many others are proud to live in a town where we have so many community events provided for us.

Natasha Simpson Keating Broomfield Courtyard Haverhill

Word of thanks

I WOULD like to thank, on behalf of the Haverhill Twin Town Association, the following retailers, businesses and individuals who donated tour Christmas Raffle - Benny's Bar BG, Magic Touch dry Cleaners, David Doughty, Define, C & B beautiful, Sonia's, Paul Firman, Strowgers, Blooming Lovely, Boots the chemist, Cineworld, Arts Centre, Abbycroft Leisure, Holland & Barret, Days Inn, Hanningtons, Glasswells, Frankie & Benny's, Cop-op Pharmacy, Drabbert Smock, Timpson's, Pipes Electrical, Fences 4 U, Dave & Iris Cook, Bill & Elva Phillips, Lyn & Steve Davies, Betty & Ivor McClatchy, Dave & Joyce Rinaldi, Paul & Elaine McManus for all their generosity.

Thank you also to all the members and their guests. The raffle took place on Saturday 7th December at the annual dinner dance which was held at the Haverhill Golf Club and has raised £230:00, which will help towards the hosting and outings of our friends from our twinned towns in France and Germany.

Elaine McManus

Chair of HTTA

A fantastic night

MANY thanks to Nick Keeble and all those who worked so long and hard to make such a success of last Friday's Family Christmas Night. It was a real joy to see hundreds of people crowding into the Arts Centre, the High Street and the Market Square to enjoy the fun, and then gathering all round the recreation ground to enjoy a truly spectacular firework display. Well done to all concerned.

Pat Worthington
Hamlet Road
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HAVERHILL ART GROUP

THE Art group's winter exhibition is now up and running in the bistro at the Haverhill Arts Centre.

There are a total of 60 paintings on show covering most of the most popular mediums.

Most of them are for sale at reasonable prices.

The show runs for the whole of December and into the new year.

EXHIBITION: Some of the exhibiting artists: from left to right, Rose Hubbuck, John Marriott, Margaret Maw, Elaine Marriott and Bill Hubbuck.



Can you give these brothers a home?



DEBRA FOX

KITTENS and cats under the care of the Haverhill and Stour Valley branch of Cats Protection are looking for a home – and *Haverhill Weekly News* wants to help.

Every week, we are teaming up with the Cats Protection branch in a bid to find a new home for a furry friend.

This week, we have ginger kittens Freddie and George.

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Freddie, who has a very loud purr, and George are best friends



PURRFECT PAIR: George, left, and Freddie

with 3-year-old male Hob, who is also being fostered at the same address.

A spokeswoman for the branch said: "George is confident enough to be rehomed on his own but we think Freddie would prefer to go with either George or Hob."

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Announcements**www.thisisads.co.uk**Deaths****BRINDED
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of Haverhill and formerly of Rothwell and Norwich, died at home on Wednesday, 4th December, 2013, aged 94, just one week short of her 95th birthday. Dearly loved mum of Elaine and son-in-law Alan and dearest grandma to Caroline and Christopher; much loved aunt to Muriel and great-aunt to Lucille and great-great-aunt to Gregory. Lovingly remembered by her niece Jill and husband John and family and nephew Gerald and wife Shirley and family. She will be greatly missed by all her family, friends and neighbours. Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on Thursday, 19th December, at 3.00pm. Flowers or if wished donations for Sense (to benefit the Haverhill branch) and may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

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Ruby**

passed away peacefully at The Briars Residential Home, Glensford on Sunday, 8th December, 2013, aged 95 years. Dearly loved mother of Roger (Guy), grandmother to Andrew and Jenny and great-grandmother to Harry and Holly. Funeral service at Kedington Parish Church on Monday, 16th December, at 10.00am, followed by interment in the churchyard extension. Flowers may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

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**TYLER
Michael**

His wife Barbara would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral and for all the many messages of condolences, support and donations to his charities during this sad time.

Special thanks go to his carers, Marie Curie Nurses and staff of Ward N3 Addenbrooke's Hospital for their endless care and compassion shown to him during the past years.

They kept his spirits up during his long struggle. Heartfelt thanks to the District Nurses especially Sheila Burns District Matron.

He thought so much of you all. Thank you also to Dr Stephens and Surgery Staff for their professionalism and support. Lastly thank you to Sarah Paintin and colleagues for making the funeral arrangements in such a friendly and competent way.

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cult issues that I and the rest of the team become involved in."

Sgt Miller manages both of the teams in Clare and Haverhill, which equates to six PCs and eight PCSOs, covering Haverhill down to the borders with Bury St Edmunds. Some of his general responsibilities include ensuring that the chosen SNT priorities are carried out, and that good links are maintained between partner agencies to the police, and with the local community.

The first to take over control of the @ Police Haverhill account is Sergeant Gary Miller, who has recently taken over the role of Safer Neighbourhood (SNT) sergeant.

He said: "I hope that through the use of these Twitter days it will give the public an insight into what their local community officers are doing on a daily basis.

"

While I fully accept that the public is very keen to see parking being enforced, I hope that this initiative will give them an idea of some of the varied, interesting and sometimes diffi-

To follow what Sgt Miller is getting up to on his shift, follow @PoliceHaverhill on Twitter tomorrow.

**Name:** Gary Miller**Rank/number:** Sgt 1511**Role:** SNT Sgt for Haverhill town and St Edmundsbury rural south**Time in Suffolk Police:**

Seven-and-a-half years

Time as Sgt: Three-and-a-half years**Time in Haverhill:** Three-and-a-half years**Time as SNT Sgt:** One month

Jewellery taken in daytime break-ins

A GOLD wedding band has been stolen in a daytime burglary.

The ring, a ladies watch with a pearl-coloured dial and an antique pendant were taken from an address in Bishops Close, Haverhill on December 6. The incident happened between 12pm and 2.20pm.

A rear window at the home was smashed to gain entry.

Another break-in took place on December 5, at a house in Hudson Close.

The home was broken into between 8am and 6.30pm through a conservatory door. Nothing was taken.

Contact Bury St Edmunds Priority Crime Team on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Nominations close at 11am on February 12. Visit www.rtbaudwards.co.uk

Family day for cancer charity

A FUNDRAISER held by Suffolk Police has raised £2,000 for a cancer charity.

The force's annual family day, held at Martlesham, invites officers, family and friends for a day of fun.

This year's chosen charity is the Teenage Cancer Trust, in honour of the daughter of a senior officer.

Visit teenagecancertrust.org

New courses offered at college

ART and design, nursing and health and social care courses are just some of the new options coming to West Suffolk College.

An enrolment day for the new courses will be held on January 17.

Call 01284 716333, email info@wsc.ac.uk or visit westsuffolk.ac.uk

Scouts and guides get to work

MINCE pies and mulled wine are being served by Haverhill's scouts and guides at Colne Valley HQ.

The event is on December 16 from 7.15pm. Members will also be packing bags at Haverhill Sainsbury's on December 21.

Donation boosts foodbank's HQ

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A FOODBANK warehouse has been transformed thanks to the generosity of a local councillor.

County councillor Anne Gower selected Haverhill Foodbank as a beneficiary for her locality budget, donating more than £1,500 towards work in the project's warehouse.

Her help has led to new racking being installed in the warehouse – a move which helps work to be carried out more efficiently.

Henry Wilson, Projects Director for REACH, said: "It really has been an amazing couple of weeks in the foodbank. The recent Tesco collection was incredible and now the racking – it looks fantastic."

"This enables us to be so much more efficient, I am so pleased with it. Cllr Gower has always been supportive of the work we do at REACH and this is exceptional. I am so thankful for her ongoing support."

At the end of last month, a three-day collection took place at Haverhill Tesco, raising 2.4 tonnes of food. This is expected to last three months – a welcome relief over the festive period.

Cllr Gower said: "I am delighted to support the foodbank especially as



TRANSFORMATION: Mary Thake, Cllr Anne Gower, Ann Merrigan and Henry Wilson.

they have had such a successful weekend with their collection at Tesco.

"This racking couldn't have come at a better time so I am thrilled to see it. I just wish them every success with their Christmas appeal."

The foodbank works in partnership with family support services, including health visitors and the Citizens Advice Bureau, who identify clients

in need of foodbank vouchers.

Since the launch of this project, the bank has helped hundreds of local families during times of crisis.

The town's foodbank is based at REACH Resource Centre on the Clements Estate, Haverhill.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday, from 2pm until 5pm and Tuesday morning from 10am until 1pm.

Appeal over stolen catalytic converters

WITNESSES are still being sought following the theft of three catalytic converters from vans.

The incidents all took place overnight between December 3 and December 4.

Three Mercedes vans were targeted by the thieves.

Two Sprinter vans, one parked in Allington Walk and one in Rushmere Place, and a Luton van, parked in Hundon Place, all had their converters stolen.

Owners of vans and 4x4s are being invited to protect their vehicles at a catalytic converter marking being held today in Bury St Edmunds.

The session is running between 9am and 1pm at West Suffolk House Depot Building.

If you would like any further information about marking or want to enquire if your vehicle is suitable contact the Bury East/West Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101.

If you have any information about the catalytic converter thefts contact Haverhill Police on 101.

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The business is also a member of the Euronics group, giving it the buying power of the big high street name stores. They now also stock a range of washing machines, tumble driers and

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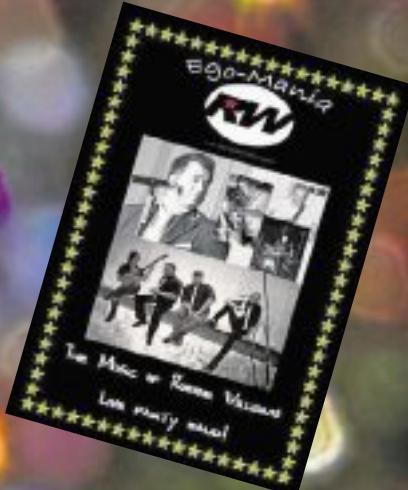
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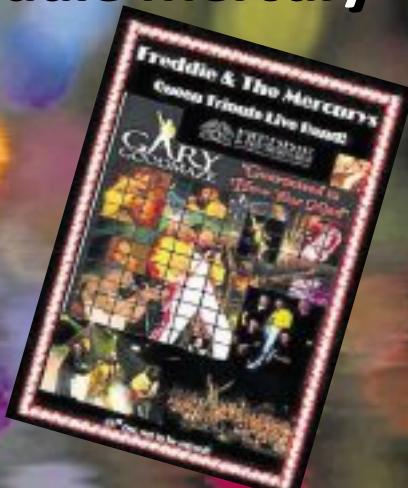
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Bin collections revised

COLLECTION dates for bins across West Suffolk have been revised for the festive period.

Residents due to have their bins emptied on December 23, 24 and 25 have had their collection moved forward.

Collections for December 23 will take place on Saturday, December 21 while Christmas Eve and Christmas Day collections have been moved forward by a day.

Dates between Christmas and New Year have been altered to take place a day later, excluding December 30 and 31.

Normal service will resume from January 6.

Inquest opened for Clare man

THE inquest into a death of a pensioner who died at Papworth Hospital was opened and adjourned on December 9.

Peter Mayle, 84, of Nethergate Street, Clare, died on November 28.

Running for their colleagues

A TEAM from Suffolk Police is taking part in a running challenge in honour of murdered police women PCs Fiona Bone and Nicola Hughes.

PC Hughes' father Bryn has challenged at least 10 people from each of the 43 forces in England and Wales to run two miles a day, totalling 250 miles over 125 days.

To donate to the Suffolk team's fundraising visit justgiving.com/Suffolk



DONATION: Joan Horner, left, headteacher, and Jane Dow, of the Red Cross, with the children

Bake sale for victims of Typhoon Haiyan

CHILDREN, staff and friends of a village primary school have done their bit for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

Clare Primary School pledged their support to the British Red Cross appeal, which is encouraging local communities to offer their help to the Philippines.

Their hard work in organising a collection, cake bake and sale at the school raised £250.

The cheque was presented to Jane Dow, fundraiser for the Red Cross, on December 2.

Joan Horner, headteacher, said: "We are very proud of what the children have achieved."

"I honestly didn't expect to get so much money – I was very moved that people had come up with that amount of money."

The class came up with their own recipes for the bake sale, and made the snacks to sell.

So far, the Red Cross has raised more than £12,000 for the appeal in Suffolk, and £6.4 million across the country.

Factory could relocate

JOBS could be lost if the proposed closure of a snack factory goes ahead.

Intersnack UK's Haverhill site, based in Helions Bumpstead Road, could shut down as a result of an investment in a new factory site in Rotherham.

The "state of the art nut processing and packing facility", a joint proposal between Intersnack UK and KP Snacks, is a £16 million investment.

Following a review carried out by

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the company, it was decided that the group has too much capacity and the cost of operating two sites was impacting the business' ability to grow.

It is thought that the new facility will produce all of the stock in the future and the investment could also add 80 roles over the next four years – in addition to maintaining the current team in Rotherham.

Intersnack confirmed that staff working at the Haverhill site will be kept updated on proposal progress.

Mark Thorpe, Managing Director, Operations for KP Snacks and Intersnack UK, said: "This significant investment demonstrates Intersnack's commitment to strengthening our nut business in the UK."

"Although proposed restructurings such as these are always difficult, we firmly believe this proposal is the most cost-effective way for

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Christmas Eve	5.30 pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Day	11.30 pm	Candlelit Midnight Service
Sun 29 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Worship - 'A Family Celebration'
	10.30 am	Morning Worship - 'Carols around the Tree'

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"For to us a child is born, who a son is given..."

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T hits her the fight

IT'S been quite a week for T Sandeman-Charles. "It happened on Wednesday morning when my husband, Roy, brought me my iPad in bed. I check my Save5 campaign site every morning to see if there have been any more people signing up overnight," says T (short for Teresa).

She couldn't believe what she saw. T was just nine people short of her goal to get 10,000 signatures to the organ donor register. "I suddenly felt so nervous. Could we really do this?"

Another email confirming a registration popped up. And another. Then the all-important email that confirmed T had reached her target pinged in.

"I was hit by such a rollercoaster of emotions, it surprised me. We'd actually done it. I felt elated and just burst into tears," says T.

I can only imagine the force of emotion T felt. I haven't spoken to T for a few months but I've heard she's not in great shape. You see, T, who is 53, has two lung diseases that will kill her unless she gets a lung transplant. And fast.

After a matter of minutes T's upbeat and sing-song tone is reduced to raspy words as she struggles to speak and breathe.

"I'm on oxygen 24 hours a day now and get around mostly in my wheelchair in the house. Living is hard. It's

T Sandeman-Charles has been on the transplant waiting list for a year, and she's still waiting. Despite her own deteriorating health, T has achieved her dying wish – to secure 10,000 signatures to the organ donor register. But she's not stopping now. LISA MILLARD is inspired.

truly amazing how much effort is required to do the most basic tasks," she says, trailing off a little at the end.

I first met T in April of this year, when the sun shone into the conservatory at her Arkesden home, near Saffron Walden, and she beamed and talked about her Save5 campaign, not quite

effortlessly, but animatedly. In a matter of months T has become much more poorly.

Despite her daily struggle to master the most simple of tasks – just brushing her teeth is exhausting – T has made her Save5 campaign, to secure 10,000 signatures to the organ donor register, the focus of her life for the past four years.

It's easy to join donor register

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■ If you have a Donor Card this does not mean you will be on the NHS database so you need to register as an organ donor.

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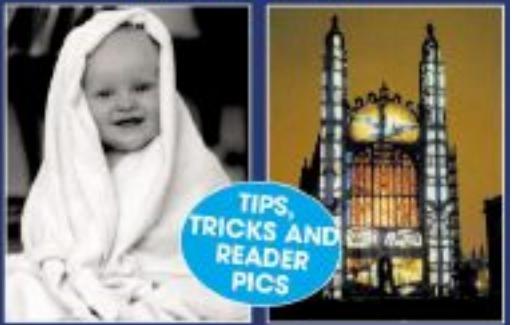
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target but will go on

"I want to get 10,000 people to register before I die," she told me.

And she has done it. Two of her sisters took over campaigning outside supermarkets when T's health made it impossible for her to get out and about. Their efforts to reach the target before the end of this year have paid off. But T is not stopping now.

"I was so happy to reach the target but then, to be honest, I felt so low. I went back to basics. Why did I start Save5? It was because three people die every day waiting for a transplant. That figure just breaks my heart," she says, her voice faltering with emotion.

T knows only too well she could be one of those three people. On December 20, she has an appointment at Papworth Hospital to check she is well enough to have a transplant should an organ become available.

I ask if that appointment makes her feel apprehensive? Does she worry she might be told she is not well enough for a transplant?

"There's always that fear. It's a reality, yes. You don't know what's round the corner or how quickly these diseases can take a nasty turn for the worst. Nobody knows."

T has organising fibrosing pneumonia, which causes the alveoli, little air sacs in the lungs, to thicken, preventing them inflating and allowing oxygen into the bloodstream. She also has idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis.

The latter is rare – only eight people, including T, had the condition at the time of her diagnosis in 2009. The rarity of this disease adds a twist of uncertainty to T's prognosis. When I ask her what time she may have left, if the transplant does not happen, she says she just doesn't know.

T wants her transplant. Her bag is always packed, she wants the phone to ring and for Papworth Hospital to tell her it's time. "I want to live," she says.

She is realistic about her chances. "I have one chance. I may not get it. But at least I have a chance. We just hope that one day a call comes through."

T also understands the odds stacked against it happening.

"Do you know what the saddest thing is? 97 per cent of the population say they would take a transplant to save their lives but only 31 per cent are signed up to be a donor. I need to keep going with Save5 until I've made a



difference to that figure."

T talks about the importance of letting relatives know if you want to be an organ donor as it relieves them of making a decision at a traumatic time.

"I've spoken to many bereaved parents and they say it is the one thing they hold on to. Their loved one saved one life, possibly more lives. In all that sadness there is pride and comfort in what their loved one did for others. You are one special person to agree to it, one special family. It's the kindest thing you will ever do in your life."

T celebrated reaching her goal with a cup of tea and by dipping into the cake tin. But she knows her achievement is not enough.

"Nobody should die waiting for a transplant," says T. "We need to reach that 97 per cent. It's not just for me. It's for everyone on the list now and all the people who will be on it in the future. And believe me, you never think it

will be you.

"I can't stop now. How can I? I can never stop. It's so important to me to get more people to register."

It's such a generous wish.

While T and her beloved husband Roy, family and friends wish, hope and pray for the call to come, telling T that the life-saving organs she needs have become available, T knows the chances are slim. And while she waits the diseases eat away at her lungs and every passing month could be her last.

Next year looks uncertain for T.

"It was so important to me to end 2013 having reached my goal. I want to start 2014 fresh because I know it will have major challenges."

When I met T earlier this year I signed up to Save5 on the spot. This is the season of goodwill, isn't it? If you would like to give someone a special gift this Christmas, then please sign up too. Now.

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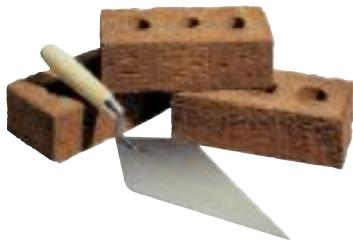
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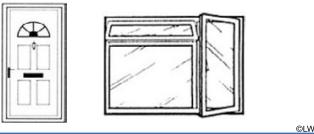
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New website to help youngsters find work

A NEW website to provide young people with job opportunities across Suffolk has been launched.

The site, [risinghighsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.risinghighsuffolk.org.uk), has been designed to educate young people about upcoming opportunities in local government.

The launch, which took place last week, coincided with the announcement of 20 internship opportunities and one industrial placement available in Suffolk councils in 2014.

These vacancies will allow participants to improve on their job skills through 12 weeks of working in a local authority, gaining knowledge of the public sector.

Information about potential career paths and roles, available work experience, apprenticeships, internships and trainee opportunities will be displayed on the site too.

Councillor Lisa Chambers, Suffolk County Council's cabinet member for education,

skills and young people, said: "As an employer, the county council can support this ambition, by putting in place a programme of opportunities and workplace experiences for young people that is of exemplar practice."

"This means that, with our partner councils, we are looking at ways of making local government attractive to young people and position ourselves as employers of choice."

Guests get tips on standing out

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TIPS on making the best of your marketing was on the agenda at a recent business meeting.

Members of thebestof Haverhill were wowed by guest speaker Michelle Downey's advice on how to stand out from the crowd.

Social media, printing, promotional goods and web design were just some of the topics covered.

The talk also included innovative ideas, including using professional photography, being active on social media and using video.

Elaine Carr, thebestof Haverhill, said: "We all like to think we are doing a good job for our customers but unless we actually ask them how do we know for certain?"

"Continually questioning what we do and how we do it is really the only way to



MARKETING: Elaine Carr, Alex Till, Chief Executive of Menta, and guest speaker Michelle Downey.

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ensure that we are improving what we offer to our customers."

Members of thebestof Haverhill joined with the

town's Chamber of Commerce for a Christmas meal at The Tavern in Birdbrook, yesterday.

Visit thebestof.co.uk/haverhill for more information.

Helpful tips for tablet users

SPECIALLY designed workshops are taking place to help people with using a tablet.

The sessions, organised by West Suffolk College through leap centres in Haverhill and Sudbury, will help owners get to grips with their new gadgets.

Topics will include setting up the tablet, surfing the internet, sending and receiving emails, social networking and downloading.

The course is aimed tablets running Android 4.0, such as Samsung, Google and Sony, but it will benefit iPad users too.

The Haverhill session is taking place on January 25 at MENTA Business Centre from 10am until 3.30pm.

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West Suffolk's take on Autumn Statement

MEMBERS of St Edmundsbury Borough Council have welcomed the Autumn Statement from George Osborne.

Cllr David Ray, Cabinet Member for Resources, expressed his relief that the borough council would not have to face any further cuts aside from the 47 per cent drop in revenue support funding.

He, and Cllr Stephen Edwards, Cabinet Member for Resources on Forest Heath District Council, released a joint statement to inform residents of their savings so far, and how they will

work to "plug the gap". They said: "By working closely together to share services in West Suffolk, Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council have saved millions of pounds already, including £3.5m from sharing services."

"But we haven't stopped there and are cracking on with developing plans to plug the gap in our funding without raising Council Tax through working with our communities to deliver services differently."

Broadband boost on the agenda

MUSIC could be downloaded in seconds when broadband speeds across Suffolk get a boost.

The Better Broadband for Suffolk programme is only four months into its two and a half year implementation – but there are already plans to raise the target.

By the end of 2015, the current target is to have 85 per cent of homes with superfast broadband speeds. This is being increased to 90 per cent or more.

Suffolk County Council has also committed to making sure every property has access to speeds of 2Mbps.

Mark Bee, leader of Suffolk County Council met with Ed Vaisey, communications minister, to push for the government's support in the plan.

He said: "The Better Broadband programme is already achieving great results but that is no reason for us

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to stop striving for even greater outcomes for Suffolk.

"We had a very positive meeting with Ed Vaisey and I'm excited about the potential to extend the programme even further.

"Suffolk's pledge of a universal minimum of 2Mbps is right for our county because there are so many rural areas that would otherwise have ended up with nothing.

"This is about extending our superfast commitment so that Suffolk really is at the forefront of broadband access."

The project aims to make high-speed fibre broadband more widely available throughout the county, especially in rural areas, through a partnership between Suffolk County Council, BT and the Government.

It is expected that the programme will bring 1,500 jobs to the county.

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FUN: Children at the Christingle service.

Festive fun marks the start of Advent at St Mary's

CREATIVE children celebrated the meaning of Christmas in an annual service.

St Mary's Christingle, held on December 1, invited parishioners to make their own gift to herald the start of advent.

The Rev Canon Ian Finn and Cllr Roger André, town mayor, also attended the service. All money raised from the Christingle collection went towards the work of the Children's Society.

St Mary's holds a "Messy Church" on the first Sunday of every month.

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West Suffolk MP welcomes support for businesses

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Other measures to benefit businesses include £1,000 off business rate bills for all retail premises with a rateable value of up to £50,000.

This includes shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Matthew Hancock said: "I wanted the Government to listen to calls from local businesses and they have. That's why this help for the high street is such good news. 28,000 businesses in Suffolk will benefit from the overall package of support."

Helping hand to poppy appeal from guides

MEMBERS of a guide group have raised more than £1,200 for the Royal British Legion.

Five guides, aged between 15 and 23, from the 1st Kedington Ranger Guides have sold 2,440 badges for the poppy appeal.

The guides created their own badge and started selling – and now the idea has been picked up by members of the guiding community across the UK.

The Kedington group has raised £1,255.50 so far – and there is still interest in the badges.

Sarah Sprigg, leader in charge, said: "I am very proud of my rangers who have used their voices to raise awareness and empower others to develop their understanding of the remembrance period and the work of the British Legion and with more orders coming in there is more money to come."

Barry Bishop, a member of the Royal Naval Association, accepted the cheque on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

He said: "This was a great effort by these young adults and it has been an honour to be asked to receive this cheque on behalf of the Poppy Appeal Fund.

"It renews all faith in the youth of today, thank you very much."



BADGES: Kedington Ranger Guides poppy sale. Left to right, Sarah, Penny, Lizzie, Ashleigh, Barry and Bridget.

Mental health services

MENTAL health patients will benefit from a unique service coming to the county.

The Psychiatric Liaison Service will ensure that those in mental distress will be treated and assessed to receive the help they need more quickly.

NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust have joined together to establish this initiative.

Ros Tandy, of the West Suffolk CCG, said: "It is a common problem across the country that patients with mental health issues often wait longer for admission or treatment in hospital. We are now delivering a service which will improve the quality of care for these patients."

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The centre is expected to be open in spring 2014, and all of the new therapy equipment installed in the building has been purchased with money from Suffolk Community Foundation.

St Nicholas Hospice received a grant of more than £1,800 from the foundation to purchase a wide neurology couch for physiotherapy and a minor surgery couch for complementary therapies.

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Previous grants awarded to the hospice have paid for a drugs room refurbishment, height adjustable beds and nurse salaries.

Rebecca Steel, Hospice Grants and Trusts Fundraiser, said: "Thanks to the Suffolk Community Foundation grant, the Hospice will be equipped to offer physiotherapy and complementary therapies at the new outreach centre when it opens."

Other services on offer will include counselling, bereavement support, advice, complementary therapies, faith networks, group support for patients and carers and a drop-in centre.

Kevin Clements, Hospice

Director and Fundraising and Marketing, said the new Haverhill centre will mean patients will no longer have to travel to Bury St Edmunds to access hospice services.

Denise Griffin, of Haverhill, regularly attends physiotherapy and complementary therapy sessions at the hospice.

She said: "This outreach centre will be the best thing to happen to Haverhill. We really need it because it will help so many people."

"I hope it will stop me having to drive it to Bury so frequently and enable me to have my appointments nearer home. This will make a big difference to me, especially when I am feeling under the weather."

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Dr Christopher Browning, chairman of the NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group said: "Following these simple steps makes a huge

difference in the fight against common colds and the more serious flu virus.

"It's such an easy thing to do and it will make sure you and your family stay safe and well this winter."

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REIMAGINING:
Thumelina at
Cambridge Junction

the GUIDE

It's panto season

Robin Hood

Cambridge Arts Theatre, Thursday, December 5 - Sunday, January 12 at various times. Tickets £10 - £35 from (01223) 503333; cambridgearts.theatre.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk

Who doesn't like a bit of thigh-slapping, bow and arrow-snapping fun?

Last year, the Arts Theatre nailed *Jack and the Beanstalk*, this year it's the turn of *Robin Hood*, directed by Michael Fentiman.

Suitable for little ones as well as grown-ups, all your favourites will be there: West End star Ross Hunter will be shooting straight as Robin with help from his band of Merry Men including the irascible Will Scarlett, bumbling Friar Tuck and good old Little John.

Coronation Street bad boy Stephen Beckett will be there to boo as the nasty, money-grabbing Sheriff of Nottingham, plus expect extra panto magic in the form of Fairy Willowbent, Maid Marian (swoon) and the voluptuous Nurse Nellie – there's always got to be a dame!

Thumelina's Great Big Adventure

Cambridge Junction, Saturday, December 14 - Saturday, January 4 at various times. Tickets £12 from (01223) 511511; junction.co.uk

Perhaps not your classic panto plot (it's not exactly *Aladdin*), but theatre company Dancing Brick are promising a rather magical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *Thumelina* – produced and designed by the talented Junction team.

In fact, it's a whole new reimagining complete with a gangster mole (amazing), singing fish (why not?), biker beetles (presumably leather clad), and of course the ever-so adventurous and intrepid Thumelina herself.

Along with her Granny, the pint-sized explorer will be dashing through a wild and wonderful forest to the big bad city, but will she make it home in time for Christmas?

Expect silliness, puppets, live music and, fingers crossed, a whole load of snow.

Panto season is upon us (Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! etc... you know your lines, people). ELLA WALKER reveals the big local shows you'd best nab tickets for now. Continued on page 24



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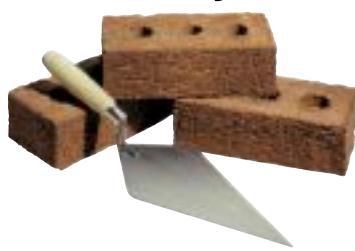


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All the fun of the firs...

PICTURE the familiar Christmas scene: you arrive home from the garden centre, a tall, bushy tree proudly under your arm. You're anxious to get it up and show it off in all its festive glory – but once it's actually inside, once you've pruned and snipped it into its allocated space, the magic seems to have faded.

There's no need, though, for your tree to be over-hacked, lopsided and backed into a corner, if you just do a little groundwork before you buy.

For instance, measure your floor-to-ceiling space, taking into account the height of any stand below and the fairy or the star which will add extra height to the top.

Then look at the width you have to play with. Will relatives be constantly brushing past the tree to reach a door or a sofa? If so, you'll need to take that space into account and be prepared for some secateur work.

Of the estimated eight million real Christmas trees bought every year in the UK, according to the British Christmas Tree Growers Association, the most popular is the non-drop Nordmann



fir (*Abies nordmanniana*), originally from south Russia. However, these are quite bushy trees and if you only have a narrow space, it might pay to shop for a smaller type, like the Fraser fir (*Abies fraseri*), popular in the eastern United States.

If space is really tight, you may opt for a small cypress which you can plant in a pot, then place on a side table or stand and decorate accordingly. Once Christmas is over, provided you have kept it well watered and away from radiators, you should be able to plant it out in the garden when weather and soil conditions permit.

Andrea Blackie, garden designer and horticulturalist at [plantify.co.uk](#), home to Britain's biggest online plant selection, says: "If you don't have the space for a full-size Christmas tree, you can get creative with other plants to make your home look festive this Christmas."

She recommends small evergreen shrubs that will fit into a small space and can be decorated to look fabulous during the festive season.

Common box (*Buxus sempervirens*), a shrub with small, glossy green aromatic leaves, can



be clipped into cones or even bought in a cone shape then decorated with small baubles and other festive adornments.

Another alternative is a standard, such as a bay or a berried holly, into which you can secure baubles and ribbons to give them a festive look without taking up too much space. They can be planted out once the festive season is over to give year-round enjoyment.

Whatever you choose, remember that evergreens prefer the great outdoors, so don't put them anywhere near a radiator and keep them well watered in a cool room. If you can, leave it till the last minute to bring them inside.

If you are buying a traditional Christmas tree, saw off the bottom 5cm of trunk to open up its pores before you bring the tree inside and place it in a bucket of water until you are ready to house it. When you bring it in, make sure

you can keep it topped up with water, as a tree will drink half a litre a day. Most Christmas tree stands have a space for water, or you could simply wedge it into a bucket.

There's a few extra tips to remember when buying your tree too. Make sure the tree is fresh – look at the colour; when it dries out it loses some of its green hue. Stroke the needles too, and they should feel moist to the touch. Always put the tree on the ground to assess the size and shape before you buy. If it starts shedding some of its needles when it moves, it's not the freshest. It's also wise to shop around – or leave your tree buying to the last minute – if you want a bargain, because prices vary hugely on location.

Once you've ticked all these boxes, and your tree is neatly in its place, get the decorations down from the loft, get the baubles on the branches, and enjoy ...

puzzles

ACROSS

- Points to part of engine (6)
- A Carib tongue (6)
- Worshipping spies? (6,7)
- Work in the theatre, perhaps (7)
- Sham public transport to go back in (5)
- Game for a striker (5)
- What the candidate must do before winning a seat (5)
- There's nothing in twisting yarn to form material (5)
- Undress as is bored unfortunately (7)
- Fortitude after local anaesthetic at the dentist's? (5,5,3)
- Commanding status of priest? (6)
- Set day, but didn't go away (6)

DOWN

- Gun may be spoilt (6)
- Cause of a flutter in the office? (9,4)
- Grow old under doctor: it's all up to the last

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crossword

- letter (5)
- Scarce piece is usually Welsh (7)
 - Begin to make dramatic use of? (5,4,2)
 - Fold note in container (6)
 - Cinema attendant, female, in ancient city (5)
 - Have a discussion about one kind of tree (7)
 - Forces to produce wall-painting (6)
 - Taped wrong expert (5)
 - Again copied and got the harvest in (6)
 - Dispatched about 100 for perfume (5)

Last week's answers: Across: 1 Run like a hare; 7 Bleat; 8 Atone; 9 Raw; 10 Spinsters; 11 Pastry; 12 Domain; 15 Advantage; 17 All; 18 Extol; 19 Brace; 21 Preservation. Down: 1 Record player; 2 Ire; 3 Entail; 4 Headstone; 5 Rhone; 6 Personal gain; 7 Bowls; 10 Strangles; 13 Apace; 14 Barber; 16 Voter; 20 Ada.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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924 gives an edible root

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Food & Drink. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Gymnastics. 4.00 Final Score. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.50 Pointless Celebrities.

6.40 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the semi-final.

8.20 Atlantis. Penniless Jason is desperate for something to eat, so he cannot believe his luck when he stumbles across an abandoned feast and helps himself.

9.05 Casualty. A young couple seek refuge at a farm for the birth of their baby, while a man receives an electric shock from a Christmas tree, disrupting Sam and Tom's wedding plans.

9.55 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results.

10.05 BBC News; Weather. 10.25 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester City v Arsenal; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.



Strictly Come Dancing, Saturday, BBC1, 6.40pm

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.35 FILM: Teacher's Pet (2004). Animated adventure, with the voice of Nathan Lane. 7.45 FILM: Anything But Christmas (2012). Premiere. Festive drama, starring Elaine Hendrix. 9.15 FILM: Animal Farm (1954). Animated drama, with the voice of Maurice Denham. 10.30 Reel History of Britain. 11.00 Animal Park. 12.00pm Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. 2.15 Coast. 3.10 Doctor Who Mastermind. 3.45 Weakest Link. 4.30 Flog It! 5.30 FILM: Tron (1982). Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges.

7.00 Me, You and Doctor Who: A Culture Show Special. The enduring appeal and cultural impact of the sci-fi series.

8.00 FILM: Tron: Legacy (2010). Premiere. A man searching for his father is sucked into a computer-generated world and must compete in gladiatorial combat. Sci-fi adventure, with Jeff Bridges and Garrett Hedlund.

9.55 The Science of Doctor Who. Professor Brian Cox examines the science behind the long-running sci-fi series.

10.55 The Wrong Mans. 12.25am FILM: Shut the Devil (1976). First World War adventure, starring Lee Marvin. 2.35 This Is BBC2.



The Jonathan Ross Show, Saturday, ITV, 10.05pm

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 10.30 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 TV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990). Drama, starring Peter Falk. 1.30pm Doc Martin. 2.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004).

5.05 The Big Christmas Reunion. 6.05 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 6.15 ITV News and Weather. 6.30 7.00

8.00 The X Factor. The three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final, featuring performances by the Killers and Tom Odell. Dermot O'Leary hosts. Concludes tomorrow at 7.30pm.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. With David Beckham, Will Ferrell and a Christmas song by Leona Lewis.

11.10 11.25 ITV News; Weather. Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser take part. Last in the series.

12.50am Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.



Homeland, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

CHANNEL 4

6.15am The Hoobs. 6.40 Beach Volleyball. 7.30 Survival of the Fittest. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.55 The Simpsons. 12.25pm Heston's Fantastical Christmas. 1.30pm Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. 6.35 Channel 4 News.

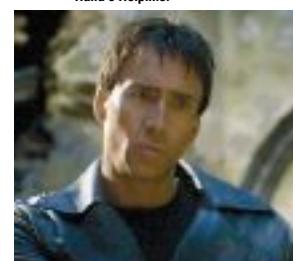
7.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson takes the war back to Centipede.

8.00 Cornwall: Walking Through History. Tony Robinson treks along the coastline between Plymouth in Devon and Falmouth, learning about the smuggling trade in Cornwall during the late 18th century. Last in the series.

9.00 Psychopath Night. Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts.

10.55 FILM: Clear and Present Danger (1994). Thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

1.35am Stand Up for the Week. 2.20 Fresh Meat. 3.05 The Silent City. 3.15 Hollyoaks. 5.25 90210.



Ghost Rider, Sunday, Channel 5, 7.25pm

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Sluggers. 11.00 The Great Christmas Toy Giveaway. 1.05pm Inside Hollywood. 1.10 World's Scariest Weather. Tornados, wildfires and tsunamis caught on camera. 2.05 FILM: Will You Merry Me? (2008). Comedy, starring Tommy Lioucas and Vicki Krisky. 3.50 FILM: The Christmas Heart (2012). Premiere.

Drama, starring Teri Polo. 5.35 FILM: Mistletoe Over Manhattan (2011). Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk.

7.15 FILM: The Real St Nick (2012). Premiere. Romantic comedy, with Torrey DeVitto and Callard Harris.

8.55 9.00 5 News Weekend. The Bible. The Jews are forced into exile and slavery in Babylonia. Daniel is thrown into the lion's den and the Angel Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to bear the Son of God.

10.50 FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991). Action adventure, with Kevin Costner.

1.50am SuperCasino. 3.10 Secrets of the Vanishing Sphinx. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Ken Dodd. 11.00 Wanted Down Under. 11.45 Helicopter Heroes Down Under. 12.15pm MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas. 2.15 Bargain Hunt. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 3.45 Christmas Supermarket Secrets. 4.45 Lifeline. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryside.

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. The finalists are announced and Celine Dion and the Saturdays perform.

7.40 Sports Personality of the Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's ceremony live from the First Direct Arena in Leeds. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool.

11.35 FILM: Adventureland (2009). Teen comedy, starring Jesse Eisenberg.

1.15am Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.55 FILM: The Valley of Gwangi (1968). Fantasy Western, starring James Franciscus. 8.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. 12.30pm EastEnders. 2.20 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days (1956). Period adventure, starring David Niven. 5.05 Flog It! 5.55 Ski Sunday.

6.40 Sports Personality of the Year at 60.

7.40 The Great British Sewing Bee Christmas Special. Advice on making gifts and decorations.

8.40 FILM: The Duchess (2008). An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Drama, with Keira Knightley.

10.20 FILM: Extended edition. With Victoria Wood, Richard Osman and Jason Manford.

11.05 Hebburn. A national newspaper publishes an extract from Jack's pregnancy diary.

11.35 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Music quiz.

12.05am Sign Zone: The Culture Show: Sylvie Guillem – Force of Nature. 12.35 Sign Zone: Countryside.

1.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. 2.30 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Storage Hoarders. 10.30 Sunday Scoop. 12.30pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.35 Inside the National Trust. 1.35 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. 2.35 Love Your Garden. 3.35 The X Factor. 5.40 You've Been Framed!

6.05 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 6.15 ITV News and Weather. 6.30 7.30

The X Factor Results. The two finalists battle it out once more before Dermot O'Leary announces the winner. With music by One Direction, Katy Perry, and Gary Barlow with Elton John. Last in the series.

Through the Christmas Keyhole. Keith Lemon rummages through the homes of three mystery celebrities.

ITV News and Weather; Weather.

FILM: Helboy II: The Golden Army (2008). Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman.

12.50am The Store. 2.50 Motorsport UK. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show: 5 Days of Christmas.

6.10am The Hoobs. 6.35 The American Football Show. 7.30 Anglesey Sandman Triathlon. 8.00 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The Simpsons. 2.30 Gadget Man. 3.05 FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010). Comedy, with Zachary Gordon. 5.00 Channel 4 News. 5.20 FILM: Fred Claus (2007). Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn.

7.30 Britain's Killer Storms. Feature-length documentary-drama telling the story of five major storms that battered the nation throughout 2012, hearing from people who survived them.

9.00 Homeland. As Lockhart's confirmation looms, Carrie infiltrates Tehran to support the mission, but Brody's loyalty wavers when he is reunited with a familiar face from his past.

10.00 FILM: Your Highness (2011). Premiere. Two princes – one a dashing hero, the other a selfish oaf – go on a quest to rescue a princess from an evil wizard. Fantasy comedy, with Danny McBride.

12.05am Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 1.00 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL. 4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 5.15 Countdown. 5.55 Suburbia.

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. 10.35 Sluggers. 11.00 Inside Hollywood. 11.05 Stop! Police Interceptors. 12.10pm FILM: Battle of the Bulbs (2010). Christmas comedy, with Daniel Stern and Matt Frewer. 1.55 FILM: A Star for Christmas (2012). Premiere. Festive drama, starring Briana Evigan. 3.40 FILM: The Polar Express (2004). Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 5.40 FILM: A Christmas Carol: The Musical (2004). Dickens musical, starring Kelsey Grammer.

7.25 FILM: Ghost Rider (2007). Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. Edited for violence and flashing images.

9.25 9.30 5 News Weekend. Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl and Slade.

12.30am The Abba Years. 1.30 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Gadget Show. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.20 Hana's Helpline. 5.25 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

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THIS detached bungalow in Churchfields Drive, Steeple Bumpstead, is on the market for £225,000.

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Semi-detached family house situated in a popular Suffolk location, offering lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, outhouses, UPVC double glazing, g/f c/h, front & rear gardens. Offered with no onward chain. EPC rating D, 63

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Extended terraced family house, open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, g/f shower room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, g/f c/h and single garage to rear of property. EPC rating - D, 68

**Arms Lane, Kedington £379,950**

Detached thatched cottage with many period features located in a popular Suffolk village offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, g/f bathroom, two/three bedrooms, f/f shower room, beautiful gardens, detached garage & log store. EPC Rating F, 35

**Yeldham Place £189,995**

Linked detached family house offering: lounge/dining room, g/f cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lean to conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), g/f c/h and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D, 65

**Downs Place £142,000**

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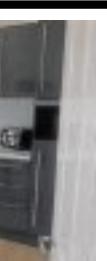


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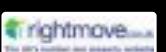
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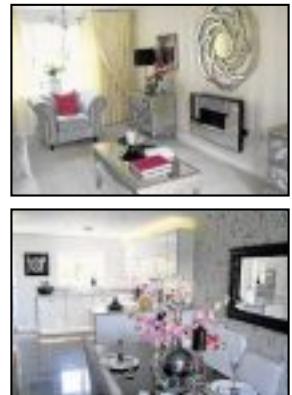
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Drink-drive ads make jobs link

THE "snowball effect" of getting a drink-drive conviction has been highlighted in the Government's latest THINK! campaign.

Millions of people could lose their jobs if they were unable to drive to, or at, work through being caught drinking and driving, the campaign, launched last week, shows.

People who drive as part of their job are particularly vulnerable but someone with a conviction could also be denied access to millions more jobs which are eligible for criminal records checks.

These jobs include professional driving jobs, teachers,

care workers and jobs in banks and finance.

Any employer can ask to see unspent criminal convictions and research shows that three-quarters of employers admit to taking a criminal conviction into account during the recruitment process.

Launching the "snowball effect" drink-drive campaign Transport Minister Robert Goodwill said: "For many people Christmas is about spending time with friends and family and celebrating, but if drivers have a tipple they should not get behind the wheel."

"Just one drink can put you over the limit and the conse-

quences are devastating. Not only will you be cuffed and put in a cell, but if you're convicted you will lose your licence and, as this research shows, you could even lose your job."

AA president Edmund King said: "Drink-drive convictions have dramatic and traumatic snowball effects. One third of people will lose their jobs and experience years of hiked insurance premiums.

"A snowball might melt away quickly while the effects of a driving ban last way beyond any winter thaw. If you are going to drive – don't drink. If you are going to drink – don't drive."



VOLKSWAGEN has confirmed UK pricing for the all-electric e-Up city car, with deliveries expected by the end of January.

After accounting for the £5,000 government grant towards plug-in electric vehicles, the e-Up will cost from £19,250, which is more than double the price tag of a mid-range petrol-powered Up.

The car, which is capable of

81mph thanks to an 81bhp electric motor, can theoretically achieve more than 90 miles on a single charge, although owners are more likely to get around 70 with careful use.

Its performance exceeds that of the petrol Up, though, with a 0-62mph time of 12.4 seconds and, crucially, a 0-30mph time of around four seconds.

A DC fast-charging circuit

will be supplied as standard, enabling the e-Up to charge from flat to 80% in 30 minutes, but a conventional three-pin wall charger will also be offered as an option.

The e-Up's extra equipment includes a heated windscreens, DAB digital radio with six-speaker Sound Pack, City Emergency Braking system, rear parking sensors and an electronic climate control system.



WELCOME: From left are the McLaren P1, the busy site at Marque1 Cars for the day, and Bas, the commercial and editorial director from Top Gear, left, with Mike Lee of Marque1 Cars, right

Supercar thrills at Marque1

MARQUE1 CARS, the Huntingdon-based luxury and sports car dealership, recently held one of the most astonishing gatherings of the year at the weekend – a supercar rally featuring millions of pounds worth of hot metal, writes *Mike Scialom*.

Among the talent on dis-

play were a Lamborghini Aventador, a Noble M400, a Ferrari 458 Spider, a Porsche Carrera GT – and a £1m McLaren P1, one of just two built to date.

"It was madness," says Marque1 founder Mike Lee. "There were 64 supercars here by 10.30am, it was nose-to-nose with supercars.

"The McLaren P1 is one of two in the world that have been delivered so far – it's the best supercar in the world, this is the one that was used by *Top Gear*, and it's valued at £1m. It was just brought along for the opening by a very good friend and client. I had two national papers ring me – they

didn't believe I had a P1! This is by far the biggest event in the region and even nationally, no one's had the P1."

Lee adds that "a massive number of Cambridge people came to this including seven cardiologists and various tech people, but some of the vehicles came from

up north – there were supercars from all over the country. I thought there would be 25 to 30 cars so it was quite a surprise, and now we're planning to hold another event in the spring, there'll be 100 supercars at the next venue, which will include a drag race at an airfield."

Lee, who is "born and bred

Cambridge", has been in the top-end of the market for a while and has had cars from Eric Clapton, John Terry and Jay Kay on his books before. Go to marque1cars.com or call (01223) 755911 for further information.

■ All pictures by Ray Owen. More from Ray at graphicdesignstudio.co.uk.

Fuel duty hike plan scrapped

HARD-PRESSED motorists have received an early Christmas present with news that next year's planned 2p a litre fuel tax rise will definitely be scrapped, writes Peter Woodman of PA News.

Chancellor George Osborne confirmed the abandonment in his Autumn Statement last week.

Mr Osborne had first announced at this autumn's Conservative Party conference that the 2014 rise would be cancelled – but only if this was financially possible.

RAC Foundation director Professor Stephen Glaister said: "Confirmation of Mr

Osborne's conference promise will be welcomed by 36 million UK drivers, not least the record number of workers who now commute by car, some 17 million in total.

"But 60 per cent of the pump price is still taxation and about 7 per cent of all the Chancellor's income comes from motorists. Whichever way you look at it drivers are doing more than their fair share to prop up Government spending."

AA public affairs head Paul Watters said: "Cancelled fuel duty next year tells drivers that the Government is trying to help offset some of the impact of

highly volatile pump prices over the past two years.

"At the pump, a 2p-a-litre increase would have been equivalent to a £1 a tank increase for small cars and £1.40 for (a Ford) Mondeo family."

He went on: "Pump prices that have shot up 8p to 10p a litre on occasions during 2012 and 2013 have sapped drivers' ability to get by."

"Up to 76 per cent of AA members have had to cut back on car use, other spending in the family budget or both. Let's now hope that the players in the oil and fuel markets don't cancel out the Chancellor's generosity."

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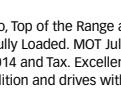
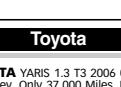
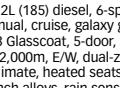
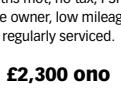
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> Football

Ofuso hat-trick helps Rovers to Clacton win

ANDREW Ofuso scored a treble as Haverhill Rovers beat nine-man Clacton 4-0 at home in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

The hosts went ahead on four minutes with Marcus Hunt's back header from Jack Wilkinson's long throw tipped on to the bar and Dan Cornwell netting the rebound.

Wilkinson got up after being brought down in the penalty area, but had his spot kick in the 26th minute saved by goalkeeper Joe Fowler.

After he was booked while the kick was waiting to be taken, Fowler handled a low shot of Ofuso on the half-hour mark outside the box and was sent off for his second caution.

In added time, Ofuso then beat the offside trap before faking a shot that made substitute keeper Jordan Giddings commit himself and allow the striker to find the bottom left corner.

Jake Plane received his second booking for Clacton on 52 minutes for a rash challenge on Rory Thompson, who has arrived on loan from Ipswich Town, reducing them to nine men.

Ofuso netted from the penalty spot four minutes later for a foul that only the referee seemed to see.

Clacton boss Ray Turner was sent from the away dugout in the 82nd minute before Ofuso's low ball across goal was deflected home to finish a bad day for the visitors.

Manager Dean Greygoose was delighted with the manner in which Rovers approached the match.

He said: "We started the game really well in difficult conditions and got the early goal.

"But Andrew Ofuso deserved his goals for the work rate he put into the game. He was excellent on Saturday.

"We just had all of the ball and a lot of chances and they've probably had one shot in target all game.

"Even with 11 men they never caused us any problems and we were probably wasteful with our chances.

"Their keeper made six point-blank saves and we should have scored a lot more.

"We had a good crowd again and we had six teenagers playing, so it's all looking very positive at the moment."

Rovers will be back in action at home to Felixstowe & Walton on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Ben Cowling was left fuming with the officials after Haverhill Borough were eliminated from the Suffolk Senior Cup after a 1-0 extra time defeat to Whitton United in the quarter-finals.

The winning goal came three minutes from time.

But Borough's players and staff were adamant the ball had not crossed the goal line after a scramble in the box from a corner.

It mirrors the recent league meeting between the



On target: Dan Cornwell (above) netted in Haverhill Rovers' 4-0 win over Clacton while Scott Lowen (below) gets involved in Haverhill Borough's 1-0 defeat to Whitton. Pictures: Gary Brown

sides.

And manager Cowling was left aghast after it saw his side miss out on a semi-final place.

"I don't know how officials can give something they're not 100 per cent certain about, especially in extra time of a cup tie," he said.

"I'm absolutely devastated for the players because they were magnificent. We've been robbed and it has cost us a place in the semi-finals."

Attention now switches back to the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division.

"We played well and I've been really pleased with how we've been playing in the past two months," added Cowling.

Borough, who are ninth in the table with 29 points, return to league action with a trip to March on Saturday.



> Youth football

McKay hits the goal trail with Haverhill treble

BRANDON McKay's hat-trick set Haverhill Rovers on course for a 6-2 triumph over Newmarket Town in Cambridge & District Colts League 14D.

Aaron Wiseman, David Scott and Shane Gambin also registered for Rovers.

Connor Holden, Kyle Dangerfield, Callum Edwards and Jayden Bayford all scored for Thurlow Youth 4-3 as they beat Haslingfield 4-3 in 14B.

Efforts from Luke Moule, Matt Stratton, Ollie Upham, plus an own goal saw Aztecs under-13s defeat Balsham 4-1 in 9v9 City.

Chino Nkem Paul was on target for West Wrating under-14s as they went down 7-1 to Taversham in the League Cup, quarter finals.

> Golf

Condon at the ladies' double

JACKIE Condon completed the double at Haverhill Golf Club.

In the ladies' Midweek Stableford, she scored 34 points to finish five clear of Doreen Darbey. Pat Wellstead was third on countback with 24 points.

Condon earned her second win in the Saturday Stableford, scoring 34 points. Pauline Calmet was second with 31 and Mary Sail third with 26.

Matt and Neil Farlie had the edge in the Daily Mail Foursomes qualifying event.

They scored 36 points, but countback was needed to decide the winners. The Farlies had the edge on the score for the back six with 12 points as Jason West and Graham Ashcroft finished second with 10. Vice captain Bob Spittle and Eamonn Bareham were third with an overall score of 34. The Farlies will now go on to the national stages.

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